Dear Parents and Carers,

**Parent Information Session on Tuesday 17th June**

I would like to invite you all to an Information Session next Tuesday. There will be a BBQ from 4.30pm until 5pm, under the COLA outside the Administration Office. From 5pm-6pm we will facilitate an Information Session in the Library. We would like to share with you all our approach to Student Welfare, information about our Semester Reports and our use of Bug Club Reading resources. There will hopefully be time for other questions you may have after the presentations. After this session, from 6-6.30pm a student from the University of Western Sydney will share information regarding a communication app for parents that he has designed for our school. Please RSVP to the class teacher by Friday 13th June. A note was sent regarding this, last week. A copy is also available on the school website or at the school office.

**P & C Meeting**

The next P & C meeting will be held next week, week 8. All of our P & C meetings are held in weeks 4 and 8 of each term. There are eight meetings a year. At the next meeting we will be discussing the appointment of the successful tender of our OOSHC service (Out of school hours care). This service is due to begin the middle of next term. We will also be discussing fundraising projects. At this stage we have been very lucky to receive 6 air conditioners for our classes, courtesy of the P & C, your support and that of local businesses. I look forward to your input at this meeting.

**Student Reports**

At present our teachers are busily preparing every child’s Semester 1 report, which will be forwarded home to parents by Friday, June 20. It is intended that each child’s report provides parents with information explaining how their child is performing against the Board of Studies outcomes i.e. strengths and / or skills they may need to work on. The report will also outline your child’s social development, organisational skills, attendance, as well as their involvement in co-curricular activities.

The reports conform with the Department of Education and Communities’ mandatory assessment and reporting requirements. Please advise us if you require additional reports sent if your child is in a shared care arrangement. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 9 of this term, unless your child’s teacher requests an alternate interview.
Contact Information
Could all parents please keep the office informed of any telephone or address changes. It is important to be kept updated in case of emergencies. Also if any changes occur in your family relationships, which could impact on the relationship between the school and family, please advise the school. This includes providing copies of court orders. If the school is not notified it is assumed that both parents retain a shared and equal responsibility for their children. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Road Safety
Road safety is always a priority at our school. Here are some safety tips for when you drop off or pick up your child:
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the “Drop-off and Pick-up” area
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary
- Never double park
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school
- Students should stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped
- Make sure student’s possessions are in a safe position
- Students need to be ready to get out of the car with their belongings when the car has stopped and they have unbuckled their seatbelt
- Always get in and out of the backseat of the vehicle through the rear footpath-side door

Your Child’s Safety
Our school hours are 9.10am to 3.10pm. Teachers commence supervision at 8:40am, so please do not send your child to school before 8:40am. If you send your child to school before supervision commences, you are putting your child’s safety at risk. School finishes at 3.10pm. It is important that all students who are being picked up are collected by that time. If you are running late, please contact the school office and advise us of this. It can be quite distressing for students if they are not collected on time. Not all staff are on site after 3.50pm. At times we may be required to be at an alternate venue for after school professional development. Please assist us by ensuring your children arrive at school no earlier than 8.40am and that they are picked up at 3.10pm.

African Drumming
All students across the school are expected to participate in these lessons each Wednesday. These lessons are $5 each and there are 8 lessons. The total cost of the program is $40. There are only 3 lessons left so parents should have paid $25.00. Payments can be made in instalments. There will be a whole school drumming performance in the last week of this term.

Voluntary Contribution
We would really benefit from your support with this. This year the contribution has been set at $30 per single child and $55 per family. These contributions can be paid in installments. All contributions will be spent on Library resources, which will benefit all students.

Kindergarten 2015
If you have children at home who are eligible to begin Kindergarten in 2015 please make an appointment with me to begin the process of enrolment. Also if you have neighbours who are within our school boundaries, please advise them of the same. This will enable us to plan for effective transition for all of our new kindergarten students and ensure a successful beginning for students and parents.

Thank you all for your continued support of our school. Have a wonderful week!

Donna Shevlin
The Great Aussie Bush Camp – Year 4, 5 and 6

Just a reminder for parents/carers who are following the camp payment plan. Your **first instalment of $60** is due on Thursday 19th of June. The camp is officially booked, so it is important that payments are made on time. Further information will be sent home regarding activities, medical, packing and dietary information, as it gets closer to the event.

**Library News**

**Register for the Premier’s Reading challenge!**

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten-Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.


**Students** logon using their DEC portal username and password and enter the books they read into an online Student Reading Record.

Come and see Mrs MacDiarmid during the second break on Thursday or Friday to help with this process.

**Have your say**

We would greatly appreciate your feedback to help us plan the future direction of our library book purchases. Parents may complete the survey with their children’s interests in mind. Children are also encouraged to have their say. The survey closes on **Thursday 12th June 2014 at 8pm**.

To complete the survey go to: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G6N7JSX](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G6N7JSX)

**Library Helpers**

**We need your help!** This Friday 13th June from 9.15am we are asking for helpers to come to the library and help us stamp, tape and especially contact our accessioned library resources. If you have some time, no matter how little, to assist us we would greatly appreciate it. Morning tea will be provided.

Mrs Liana MacDiarmid
Teacher Librarian

**Canteen News**

**State of Origin Lunch Packs – 18th June 2014 - $6.00 with a donation made to the school**

Choose your team!

**NSW PACK** – 4 nuggets, blue quench, plain Smiths chips + treat
**QLD PACK** – Pie, raspberry quench, salt & vinegar chips + treat

Packs must be preordered by 17th June 2014. Order forms available at the canteen.
Lost Property
There are a number of sloppy joes and plastic containers that have been lost by students. These are located in the lost property container at the front office. Please come and have a look if your child is missing an item.

Just a reminder to parents to label all of your child’s belongings that come to school. It is wise to check them from time to time also as they will fade with washing. Having items labelled makes it easier to return them to their rightful owner.

Rugby League
Congratulations to our Under 10 boy’s rugby league team! They competed in the grand final of the All Schools Carnival on 29th May and beat Warragamba Public School 6-4 in a close game. We combined with students from Bringelly Public School as we are both small schools and all the boys represented their school proudly. A big thank you to the parents who transported the boys and to Mrs Bailey and Mr Browne for coaching the team.

We now have a trophy for our cabinet in the foyer!

Cross Country
Our school had 15 students qualify to compete at the Zone Cross Country Carnival that was held at Camden Equestrian Centre on 30th May. Students ran a challenging course that ranged between 2000m and 3000m. All students showed outstanding sportsmanship and cheered for each runner. Congratulations to both Lachlan and Matthew who will be representing our school and the Razorback Zone at the Regional Carnival on Thursday. We wish the boys good luck!

A big thank you again to the parents who transported our team.
LESSONS

Last week (Week 6), our PBL focus was “Including Others”

The value focus was; Be Proud and Productive

Students participated in explicit lessons focused on ways of including others in activities and games at school.

The focus on lessons was the importance of respecting each other’s differences and imagining what it feels like to be left out. At Oran Park, students are expected to include others in their activities and games.

There are rare occasions where specific students may be asked, by a teacher, not to sit with others in the classroom and playground. This rare decision may be made to increase student’s social and academic success.

Students were reminded about the 2 and 3 step plans, which can be used to solve specific problems.

This week (Week 7), our PBL focus is “Staying in the correct areas”

The value focus is; Be Safe, Be Productive

Students have focused on the areas of the school that are safe and where they are allowed to play. Correct areas and incorrect areas have been explicitly taught. Topics such as; appropriate use of the toilet area, absconding, out of bounds, going on messages and consequences have been covered. At Oran Park, students are expected to be in the correct area so that they are safe and productive.
You’re invited to NewLife Anglican Church’s annual Kids Club in the July school holidays, an event run for the Oran Park community and friends.

When: 8:30-3:10, Tuesday July 1st to Thursday July 3rd (3 days).

Where: Oran Park Public School (390 South Circuit, Oran Park)

Who: Open to all kids from Prep (or Preschool - one year before school) to Year 6.

How much: $20 per child per day (family discount considered on request). This covers the cost of morning & afternoon tea, and materials for crafts and activities.

What to bring: Children should bring their own lunch, a drink-bottle, hat, and sunscreen. They should also bring a sense of fun and adventure, and invite their friends!

So grab a friend and download the registration form online!

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